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REMARKS


This Amendment is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §312, as it is after the mailing of a Notice of Allowance and concurrently with the payment of the Issue Fee.

Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments merely address formal matters and do not change the scope of the claims and do not require any substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that these Amendments do not require any additional searching or examination and were not presented earlier because the desired amendments were not recognized until after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance and in anticipation of the payment of the Issue Fee.

In the event any issues remain which prevent the entry of this Amendment or the granting of a patent, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted so that such issues can be resolved.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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